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PRESS COMMENT ON PROSPECT OF AN AMERICAN WAR.

AFFAIR REGARDED AS GRAVE.

IT IS INTIMATED THAT AMERICA IS AFRAID OF WAR.

Responsible Madrid Papers Have Adopted a Conciliatory Attitude and Counsel Moderation—El Pais, a Revolutionary Organ, Wants War.

London, Feb. 26.—(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press.) Sensational dispatches, purporting to report alarmist utterances of President McKinley, Secretary Long and other officials, are beginning to affect public opinion on this side of the Atlantic and create the impression that, possibly, there may be truth in the reports which allege that the loss of the Maine was not due to an accident, as at first believed here.

The disposition in this city is to regard the apprehension respecting Cuba as altogether exaggerated. The Statist points out that this is a grave mistake, "as, apart from the sentiment, the material losses involved upon American by the anarchy in Cuba must not be belittled." The Statist believes, however, that President McKinley is "strong enough to resist the pressure," and congratulates him upon the "firm and statesmanlike qualities which the immediate responsibilities of his position have developed," and upon the honorable and noble principles which he enunciated at Philadelphia when he quoted Washington. "At the same time," continues the Statist, "we realize that the president cannot afford to quarrel with his supporters if the latter press war."

The Saturday Review is of the opinion that the "affair is gravely threatening," and comments upon the silence of the court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine as being "ominous," as, in the "nervous anxiety of President McKinley and his advisers to avoid a rupture with Spain, they would obviously have hastened to publish anything which would help to stop the mouths of Senator Tamm and others, who are yelling for instant war in the best of style."

Proceeding, the Saturday Review remarks: "Secretary Sherman, having been silenced by the simple process of not allowing him to go to work with Spain, which has lately kept the secrets admirably, but it is shrewdly suspected that the pacific position of President McKinley is largely owing to the reports of his naval advisers to the effect that America is not in condition to go to war with Spain, with the certainty of an immediate and overwhelming success. The Spanish fleet is not to be despised, and the American navy has not displayed any love for their Northern sister. But all this will not prevent the jungles of the American press from handing off a scrap of evidence implicating the Cuban authorities becomes public."

The Spectator, in its issue of the United States government, "whether moved by information from Europe, or being only desirous of peace, is anxious to avoid war."

Still, apart from the loss of the Maine, the Spectator thinks that the harrowing contrast between the reports of the American press and the reports of the Spanish press, which they insist upon their government ending such miseries within American waters.

The Spectator then proceeds to repeat the reported war preparations in the United States and concludes: "But have persons everywhere in the United States waiting for evidence, and are not inclined for war, unless the honor and policy of the country really require it."

Advices received here from Madrid show that, while the revolutionary organs, such as El Pais, are shrieking denunciations and threats, the responsible newspapers have adopted a conciliatory attitude. For instance, El Liberal, a leading Madrid paper, made a sympathetic reference to Washington's birthday and expressed approval of President McKinley's speech at Philadelphia, considering it to be a "rebuff for those seeking to embroil the United States and Spain," and expressing the hope that the president's action will be in accord with his words.

In conclusion, El Liberal says: "Time will tell, but for the present we ought to cry a truce to suspicions and animosities, in honor of the memory of the great men who, in addition to laying the foundation for the liberty of his people, contributed, as few others have done, to the redeeming and dignifying of human conscience."

"The ministers declare that the pessimistic views of the foreign press are 'the echo of the sensational statements made by certain American newspapers.' El Pais, repeating the charge that 'the real seat of war is not in Cuba, but in the United States, by lies and chicanery, are seeking to lead us into a trap.' The war in Cuba will only end when we send an army against the United States."

## RUSSELL SAGE TALKS.

The Famous Multi-Millionaire Seems Anxious for a Chance to Buy Government Bonds.

New York, Feb. 26.—Russell Sage gave out the following authorized interview today: "From all the information received, there is little doubt in my mind that our warship was blown up by outside agencies, if the naval commission so reports, the time for action has come. There should be no wavering. This government must make the fullest reparation and that without delay."

"Whatever action, war or otherwise, President McKinley may take, he should and will have the fullest support from both rich and poor, Republicans and Democrats. There is no question as to the wisdom of man stands. In the civil war, when it broke out, I bought government bonds, and I did the same in 1898. I did not do it for any other reason."

"We had confidence in our government. If the necessity arises now, I will do the same again, generously, so will other rich men that I know of. I am an American, first and last, and propose to stand by the flag."

"Party lines are a thing of the past. The stock market, that has not taken care of itself for the last few years, is now a secondary consideration. The honor of the government comes first. I speak not only for myself, but for the millions of Americans who feel the same way."

## MAINE MASS IN PARIS.

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my own views on this point, but those of other moneyed men with whom I have talked. "Another thing, the families and dependents of every sailor killed on the Maine must be taken care of. That is a bill Spain must settle."

If the citizens of this country enlist to defend our flag, and all that it means, we are in duty bound to see that their families are provided for if they are killed. With that understood by the people, there will be no lack of soldiers or sailors when the time comes."

"I think the president has been wisely cautious in this matter, but I am confident that he will now act promptly in the Maine matter."

## BELIEVES IT WAS AN ACCIDENT

Expert Alger, of the Ordnance Bureau, Dismisses the Havana Harbor Disaster.

Washington, Feb. 26.—When the attention of Philip Alger, expert of the bureau of ordnance, was called to Senator Dubois's statement to the effect that there are no mines in Havana harbor, he said:

"The statement is important as representing the position taken by the Spanish officials who have absolute knowledge of whether or not Havana harbor was mined. It is, of course, inherently improbable that such mines existed, since it is not customary to plant torpedoes in the harbors of all, especially not in harbors constantly occupied by friendly vessels. Should it be possible to prove Senator Dubois's statement to be true, the whole theory of the Maine's destruction by a torpedo would become untenable, in my opinion. But the only proper course to be now pursued is to await patiently the report of the board of investigation, and to accept its findings as conclusive. When the first news of the catastrophe arrived, it was well to attempt to allay excitement by pointing out the fact that the probabilities were greatly in favor of the explosion having been an accidental one. Nothing that has yet become known should lead to a modification of this view. It is still vastly more probable the cause was an internal one than that it was external. There seems, however, to be a prevalent feeling that the 'accident theory' casts a reflection upon the navy, and also that its acceptance would be hurtful to the navy's interests. The contrary seems to me to be true. The wit of man has not yet devised any implement of destruction which accident may not turn against friend with an effect equal to that which it was intended to produce upon an enemy. Accidents will sometimes happen, and it is self-evident that the force of the explosives carried by any warship will if they are accidentally set on fire. If it was an accident, its cause may be ascertained and a repetition can be guarded against. If the modern battleship can be as easily destroyed by an enemy, as the advocates of the torpedo theory believe, then perhaps it may be claimed with some show of reason that such ships should no longer be built. But to condemn battleships because an accident may completely destroy one would be to act without reason."

## GENERAL HOWARD TALKS.

Believes the Maine Was Blown Up by Design, Not by Spaniards.

New York, Feb. 27.—The World prints the following dispatch, signed by Major General O. Howard, U. S. A., retired, who is now living at Burlington, Vt.: "I don't believe the blowing up of the Maine was due to an accident. It is an nonsense to think that the magazines were exploded by spontaneous combustion. I have been around where powder has been stored since I was a boy, and I never yet saw it explode from that cause. The dynamical work may have been done either on the inside of the ship or on the outside. An investigation will tell. It may be the work was done by a Spaniard, but I don't think the Spanish government was cognizant of it or sanctioned it in any way. It was the work of some irresponsible person."

"We don't want war. The people don't want war. War means pain. It means broken homes, separated families and hospitals filled with wounded and dying. War is a terrible thing. I have been through one, yes, through several."

"The Spanish government does not want a war any more than we do. We are not as defenseless as some people would like to have us believe. All our large sea-coast cities are well protected."

"The only thing a Spanish fleet would bombard would be the smaller towns on the coast. If there is a war, I would enlist, if they would take me. I served from 1862 until I was retired with only one arm. If I enlisted during the rebellion."

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The British ambassador, Sir Edmund J. Monson, and his staff, the British general, General A. P. Inglis, the United States ambassador, General Horace Porter, and his staff, J. K. Gowdy, the United States consul general, and the Japanese minister and Spanish ambassador and their staffs were present.

## PALL MALL GAZETTE'S OPINION

Cannot See Any Immediate Prospect of War Between Spain and America.

London, Feb. 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette's editorial says: "In spite of all manner of reports, we cannot, for the life of us, see any immediate prospect of war between Spain and the United States. There is absolutely no evidence that anything but an accident occurred. Even those who stick to the torpedo explanation chiefly attribute it to a fiendish and irresponsible fanatic. In that case, Spain would instantly right herself by making amends. There is one thing essential for the American side to keep its head, and that is to keep its temper."

## IS IT CURABLE?

A Question Often Asked by Those Afflicted With Piles.

Is a strained joint curable? Is local inflammation curable? Of course, if properly treated. So is piles.

People often become afflicted with piles and seek medical aid. They are always persisted in the wrong treatment and naturally they are discouraged by telling them that their case is hopeless.

There are, however, others, and thus a disease that can in every case be cured by careful and skillful handling is allowed to fester the energy of thousands of free themselves of the trouble in a few days.

Pyramid Pile Cure will cure the most aggravated case of hemorrhoids in an astonishingly short time. It relieves the congested parts, reduces the tumors instantly, no matter how large, allays the inflammation and stops the itching or bleeding at once.

Thousands who had resorted to expensive surgical treatment have been cured by the Pyramid Pile Cure in a number of instances. It is a remedy that none need fear to apply to the most aggravated cases of piles and inflamed hemorrhoidal tumors.

If you are afflicted with this stubborn disease, you can matter it and master it quickly.

This remedy is no longer an experiment, but a medical certainty. It is manufactured by the Pyramid Pile Cure Co. of Marshall, Mich.

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## BE READY TO MARCH.

NO MORE FURLONGS WILL BE GIVEN MILITIAMEN.

BELL'S SIGNIFICANT MESSAGE.

MILITARY COMPANIES TO BE HELD IN READINESS.

Adjutant General Bell Directs Colonel Gross to Give No More Leaves of Absence to Members of the Third Regiment—Enrolling New Men.

This significant telegram was received at the headquarters of the Third regiment yesterday:

"Fulton, Mo., Feb. 26, 1898. Colonel George P. Gross, Kansas City, Mo.—Grant no furloughs to men of your command. If called out, government will complete full equipment.—M. F. Bell, Adjutant General, N. G. M."

The officers who dropped into Colonel Gross's office during the day declared the telegram was positive proof that the government is making vigorous and active preparations for war. Some of the officers were of the opinion that the war department had notified the national guard officers of each state to be prepared to move their commands at a few hours' notice.

Colonel Gross, however, made no comment on the telegram. "I do not know the nature of the order the adjutant general has received," he said. "I have simply received my orders and that is all I am supposed to know. We are filling up the regiment fast, however, and if there are any old militiamen or regular army soldiers in Kansas City who want to enlist they had better hurry."

The Third regiment can not take more than 1,000 men, and as soon as that number is enrolled the recruiting will cease."

E. J. Griffith, general agent for the United States Casualty Company, held a conference with Colonel Gross yesterday afternoon. He stated that he wanted to organize a company of 100 men in this city, provided Colonel Gross would take them into the regiment and equip them. Mr. Griffith had had thorough military training himself and is anxious to be in position to respond to the first call of the government for troops.

Colonel Gross said that he would be glad to start a company. Mr. Griffith has called a meeting of all able bodied men who wish to join the Third regiment for next Wednesday evening, at Parlor S, Midland hotel.

"The probabilities are fully equipped with new Springfield rifles," said Colonel Gross yesterday. "The new guns were received last spring. But the government will equip us with the Krag-Jorgensen rifles, if we are called out. Our present rifles can not be used for more than 800 yards, but the regular army guns are good shooters at a mile distance. Our present rifles are not so good as the new ones, but they are as fine as any made for national guard use in suppressing mobs and riots. The Spanish revolutionaries with long-range guns and of course our Springfield rifles would be practically useless against them; we would be no more than a force we got in range of the Spanish lines."

Colonel Gross has 15,000 rounds of ball cartridges stored in this city. The regiment, as it now stands, is fully equipped with camp necessities—tents, blankets, tin cups and the like. As fast as the regiment fills up new men they will be supplied with uniforms and equipments.

## STEADY HAND AT THE HELM.

Judge McDougal Discusses the Probability of War With the Spaniards.

Judge H. C. McDougal has returned from a professional visit there and back to the national capital. Whistler there he and Judge Hough, of St. Louis, argued and submitted their case to the Supreme Court, pending before the assistant attorney general, and are confident of winning. He says he was kept so busy on that case that he had no time to talk politics or office until after the case was decided. There was nothing was talked of at Washington save probable trouble with Spain.

The judge said: "There are now, as always when there is any chance of a row, a lot of hot heads who demand more effort than the country into the war, right or wrong. Better counsels, however, are prevailing, and before the United States is mixed up in a war, the administration, as well as statesmen of both parties in Washington, will insist upon the necessity of a full and complete destruction of the Maine and the terrible loss of life occasioned thereby was the result of a division of opinion. If by design then the next question will be: Was the government of Spain back of or in any way responsible for the destruction of the Maine?"

If the proof should reasonably show that there was a plot to destroy the Maine, then you may imagine the kind of show in his might, and brave hearts and strong hands will rush to the standard in enormous numbers to wipe Spain off the map of the earth. But this country will not act in a hurry. In this instance at least, our government officials have adopted the motto of Davy Crockett: 'Be sure you are right, then go ahead.' Meanwhile, while the effort to make peace, by day and night, in a quiet but effective way, to strengthen our navy and put the country on its feet, the United States must be ready to meet the situation as it develops."

## WANT TO SEE JUSTICE DONE.

Public Teachers Have but One Sentiment Regarding the Embroglio With Spain.

Superintendent J. M. Greenwood, of the city schools, returned yesterday morning, after spending a week at the national convention of school superintendents at Nashville, Tenn.

"There is just one sentiment all over this country regarding the Cuban affair," he said. "I talked with superintendents from all parts of the United States. Those from Maine, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and every other state in the Union are united in their sentiment regarding war with Spain. The sentiment is not of an inflammable character, but it is steady and determined to see that justice shall be done now. The general feeling is that the matter should be blown up by enemies. No, there were no resolutions adopted regarding the affair at the meeting. We did not think it would be proper, but all the superintendents expressed confidence that steps would be taken by the president and the cabinet to see justice done."

## JOHN WILKIE PROMOTED.

Former City Editor of Chicago Tribune Now Chief of Secret Service Bureau.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Mr. John E. Wilkie, of Chicago, operative in the secret service of the treasury department, has been promoted to be chief of the bureau, vice W. P. Hazon, who has been transferred and assigned to the Chicago office. Mr. Wilkie was formerly city editor of the Chicago Tribune, and is well known personally in Chicago.

On Sunday, March 8, Drs. Thornton & Minor, the famous specialists in piles, fistula and all diseases of the rectum, will publish a half page advertisement in the Tribune, containing many names and testimonials from prominent people all over the country, who have been cured of their piles by the use of the Pyramid Pile Cure. If you are afflicted, watch for this ad.

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10 pieces New Bayadere Cotele, in select colors, the price will be only \$1.25  
20 pieces Plaid Silks, in the new satin stripes, 21 inches wide, the price will be only \$1.00  
5 pieces Glean Plaid Silks, very handsome, at \$1.50  
15 pieces Brocade Satin Duchesse, exquisite designs in new colorings, \$1.00, for 69c  
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15 Grenadines \$1.35  
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25 Grenadines 2.50  
45 Grenadines 3.98  
35 Grenadines \$2.98  
25 Grenadines 1.98  
25 Colored Figure 1.50  
15 Stripe 75c

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A Regiment of Ex-Confederates.

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 26.—A card in a local newspaper asking ex-Confederates to form a regiment to serve in case of war with Spain has been received. The regiment is to be called the "Middlesboro Regiment." The regiment is to be called the "Middlesboro Regiment." The regiment is to be called the "Middlesboro Regiment."

Mexico City Wildly Excited.

City of Mexico, Feb. 26.—The excitement over the probability of war between the United States and Spain continues. The wildest rumors have been current to-day, including the statement that war had actually been declared.

Terror Ordered to New York.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The monitor Terror has been ordered to proceed from Hampton Roads to New York.

REPORTED AS IMPRACTICABLE.

Government Engineers Give the Port Arthur Ship Channel Scheme a Black Eye.

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 26.—(Special.) A telegram was this afternoon received from the war department at Washington, stating that the government engineers had reported as impracticable the proposed ship channel from Port Arthur to deep water at Sabine Pass. A few weeks ago, Major James B. Quinn, engineer in charge of the harbor improvements at Sabine Pass, investigated this proposed channel, and this report to the war department is the result of Major Quinn's investigation. The telegram says the report is exhaustive, the engineers demonstrating that the Port Arthur ship channel could not be built and maintained without riveting the sides of the channel, which means the driving of sixteen miles of piling. The engineers also advise that the proposed channel is not permitted to connect with the waters of Taylor's bayou, a navigable stream, which the engineers demonstrate is not permitted to connect with the waters of the harbor at the entrance to the harbor at Sabine Pass. The war department has previously instructed that the Port Arthur Channel and Dock Company do no dredging in the harbor, and that the water of the proposed channel, and if the report of the government engineers is adopted, which is probable, the "inland locked harbor" will indeed be locked, as boats can neither get in nor out of it.

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